



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Daniel J. McKernan et al.
Serial No.: 10/039,857
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FIXING
A GRAFT IN A BONE TUNNEL
Group Art Unit: 3732
Attorney's Docket No.: MIT-0246

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed February 21, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from April 21, 2002 to July 21, 2002.

Applicants note that inasmuch as July 21, 2002 fell on a Sunday, the actual due date is Monday, July 22, 2002.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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